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Restoration Is Under Way

Center Park Parking Garage To Receive Repairs After 8 Years.

If you frequently park your vehicle in the Center Park Parking Garage, we ask that you please excuse our mess.

It has been eight years since the 25 year old garage, located at 1120 N Street, has received restoration services of this type. McGill Restoration from Omaha, Nebraska will be completing the repairs on the concrete topping, floor cracks, joints, beams, sealants and other miscellaneous work. McGill Restoration was the contractor who provided these services eight years ago.

When asked how often these types of services are needed Steve Disch, Principal with Walker Parking Consultant said, "This structure is in good condition compared to similar structures, and is in better condition than some newer garages that I have investigated that are of a slightly different structural system." While the garage is in good condition, periodic repairs are still necessary. "Obviously, the safety of the user and their vehicle is of utmost importance" he said. To ensure that safety, "concrete work should be reviewed about every five years with this topped precast concrete structure."

The project is scheduled to last two months with the completion date set for August 22, 2003. The timing of this project was influenced by many

factors, not the least of which was public safety. Most colleges in the Downtown area are out of session for the summer. With the number of transient parkers down, an opportunity to rope off the necessary parking spots presented itself. McGill Restoration will rope off about 100 parking spots for restoration at a time and work their way from the top of the garage to the bottom.

If you're concerned that your monthly parking spot will not be available, the City Parking

Operations Manager, Chris Heggstad says, "Absolutely not, we (the City) will only set our garage counts to allow the maximum number of our monthly parkers. If for some reason they are not able to find an available stall, they should contact our office and we will make every effort to secure one for them."



Other factors in project timing included the 2003 Husker football season and the proposed Downtown entertainment complex. The City Parking Manager, Ken Smith, indicated that, "the proposal of an entertainment complex and the necessary restoration were two projects that will definitely work to benefit each other."

If you would like to make any comments on the progress of this project, please visit the "Your Voice" page. From there you can let us know who you are and submit your comments directly to the City of Lincoln Public Works and Utilities Department.